

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:)	
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Application No.: 10/715,826)	Group Art Unit: 3731
Filed: November 19, 2003)	Confirmation No. 3645
For: METHODS, SYSTEMS, AND)	
APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING)	
MINIMALLY INVASIVE)	
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GRAFT SURGERY)	

REQUEST FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

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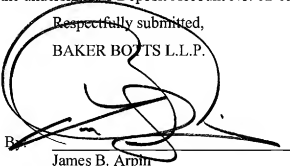
In view of the Office Action mailed November 19, 2007, Applicants respectfully request that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("PTO") extend the deadline for responding to the Office Action to permit Applicants to file a Request for Continued Examination, as follows:

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Request for One-Month Extension of Time to Respond:

Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time for filing a response to the Office Action, mailed November 19, 2007, in the above-captioned patent application. As a result of this request, the deadline to respond shall be extended up to and including **March 19, 2008**. Applicants respectfully request that the PTO charge the amount of \$120.00 covering the requisite, large entity fee (Fee Code 1251) for a one-month extension of time to respond to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 02-0375. Nevertheless, in the event of any variance between the fees determined by Applicants and the fees determined by the PTO, please charge or credit any such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 02-0375.

Respectfully submitted,
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